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SUBJ: SAUDI COMMENTS ON EGYPTIAN CABINET CHANGES

1. NEA/EGY OFFICER KENNEDY AND RIYADH LIAISON OFFICER GNEHM MET NOVEMBER 10 WITH DR MANSOUR AL TURKI, SAUDI DEPFINMIN. IN DISCUSSION OF EGYPTIAN CABINET CHANGES WHICH HAD APPEARED IN LOCAL SAUDI ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS, AL TURKI NOTED NAME OF DR ABDEL MONEIM KAISSOUNI REPORTED AS NEW DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND SAID HE WAS WELL KNOWN. ASKED IF THIS MEANT WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN, AL TURKI SAID "JUST WELL KNOWN." AL TURKI THINKS THAT KAISSOUNI ALSO WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING.

2. AL TURKI SAID HE KNEW HAMED EL-SAYEH, WHO WAS LISTED AS NEW MINECON, BUT HAD NEVER HEARD OF EITHER HASSAN MOHAMED HASSAN (NEW MINHOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION) OR MAHMED SALAHEDDIN HAMED (NEW MINFIN). ACCORDING TO AL TURKI, THESE MINISTERS DO NOT MATTER SO MUCH BECAUSE MONEIM KAISSOUNI WILL BE "IN CHARGE" AND THEY WILL ONLY BE HIS DEPUTIES.

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3. ALSO ACCORDING TO AL TURKI, OSMAN LEFT THE GOVERNMENT
AT HIS OWN WISH.
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